



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/572,571		
		Filing Date	March 17, 2006		
		First Named Inventor	Koji ABE et al.		
		Art Unit	Not Known		
		Examiner Name	Not Known		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	740709-554

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
ML		WO 03/077351	09-18-2003	Abe et al.		AB
		JP 2000-323169	11-24-2000	Igawa et al.		AB
		JP 2000-156243	06-06-2000	Kita et al.		AB
		JP 2000-003724	01-07-2000	Hamamoto et al.		AB
		JP 11-329496	11-30-1999	Hayashi et al.		AB
		JP 11-329490	11-30-1999	Hamamoto et al.		AB
ML		JP 09-050822	02-18-1997	Shimizu		AB

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ³
mm		International Search Report, PCT/JP2004/013687, January 25, 2005.	
mm		International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, PCT/JP2004/0113687, July 6, 2006	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3.30.07
-----------------------	--	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.